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COUNTRY Germany (Soviet Zone) REPORT NO. [REDACTED]

TOPIC Koethen Airfield

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EVALUATION [REDACTED] PLACE OBTAINED [REDACTED]

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DATE OBTAINED [REDACTED] DATE PREPARED 16 June 1952

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1. Between 10 a.m. and 2:35 p.m. on 19 May and between 10 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. on 20 May, source observed flying by swept-back jet fighters and a biplane. Flying was observed on 22 May between 9:30 a.m. and 2 p.m.
2. On 20 May, there was flying by jet fighters at the field. At 11:40 a.m., five swept-back jet fighters landed at the field. They taxied to the east end of the run-way where ten additional swept-back jet fighters were parked. Between 12:19 and 12:25 p.m., a swept-back jet fighter with the red No 420 made one local flight. At 12:20 p.m., four swept-back jet fighters took off in elements of two and assembled in one formation in the air. At 1:09 p.m., the planes landed in elements of two in rapid succession. The red numbers 414, 598, 340 and 434 were observed on the aircraft. During the flying activity, two radio trucks and 7 one-wheeled vehicles were parked at the field. The two hangars located east of the field were empty. Four swept-back jet fighters with red numbers were parked at the northeastern hangar. Three jet fighters and 4 Yak-11s with auxiliary fuel tanks were parked between the southeastern hangars, and 15 swept-back jet fighters were on the east end of the runway.
3. A low wooden building was being built near the radio installation which was at the previous location about 1 km east of the runway. A radio truck without a number was parked there. The sentry of the low wooden building was observed being accompanied by a watchdog. Between the radio installation and the runway, there were seven 1-meter poles, about 100 meters apart, which were fitted with black wooden boards, about 30 centimeters square. Lamps were probably placed on these boards during night flying activity. [REDACTED] *

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- * [REDACTED] Comment. The report confirms the occupation of the field and air activity by MiG-15s. The exact number of MiG-15s at the field cannot be determined because of the presence of hangars and difficulties of observation. It is believed, however, that the two units are equipped with about 30 MiG-15s each, as the other fighter regiments.

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